

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

LEE WALLETT,

Defendant.

CASE NO. CR20-197-RAJ

**DETENTION ORDER**

The Court has conducted a detention hearing under 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f), and concludes there are no conditions which the defendant can meet which would reasonably assure the defendant's appearance as required or the safety of any other person and the community.

**FINDINGS OF FACT AND STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DETENTION**

Defendant is charged with offenses carrying the presumption of detention: conspiracy to distribute controlled substances and possession of methamphetamine and fentanyl with intent to distribute. Defendant has an extensive criminal history spanning 18 years. He appears to have been arrested and convicted each year, except for years in which he was serving a prison sentence. His past performance on release and supervision has been extremely poor. According to a review by the pretrial office, he has amassed 89 failures to appear for court hearings and has a history of absconding from supervision, not complying with the terms of supervision and repeatedly violating conditions of supervision. It also appears that defendant engages in criminal

1 conduct while on supervision. Defendant's history and statements to the pretrial office indicate  
2 he has long standing and significant substance abuse problems. He has received substance abuse  
3 treatment but could not successfully complete his drug offender sentencing alternative program  
4 and was terminated from the program. Defendant does not possess a valid driver's license and  
5 indicates he has not been employed since February or March of this year. He indicates he has no  
6 assets. While he has family members who live in the area, his proposal to release to reside with  
7 his mother is problematic. As the pretrial investigation notes, his mother was not forthright about  
8 her criminal history, which is not insignificant.

9 The Court notes that the Federal Detention Center indicated defendant declined to go to  
10 the AV room to attend the detention hearing. Both counsel agreed the Court should enter the  
11 detention order. The Court advised the parties that if defendant wished to participate in a  
12 detention hearing, the Court would freely grant another detention hearing.

13 It is therefore **ORDERED**:

14 (1) Defendant shall be detained pending trial and committed to the custody of the  
15 Attorney General for confinement in a correctional facility separate, to the extent practicable,  
16 from persons awaiting or serving sentences, or being held in custody pending appeal;

17 (2) Defendant shall be afforded reasonable opportunity for private consultation with  
18 counsel;

19 (3) On order of a court of the United States or on request of an attorney for the  
20 Government, the person in charge of the correctional facility in which Defendant is confined  
21 shall deliver the defendant to a United States Marshal for the purpose of an appearance in  
22 connection with a court proceeding; and  
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1 (4) The Clerk shall provide copies of this order to all counsel, the United States  
2 Marshal, and to the United States Probation and Pretrial Services Officer.

3 DATED this 11th day of December, 2020.

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United States Magistrate Judge  
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